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1. EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER'S DECEMBER 20 ANNOUNCEMENT
THAT JET FUSION FACILITY IS "ON ITS DEATHBED" WAS CARRIED
BY ALL MAJOR PAPERS WITH FRANCE TAKING THE BLAME FOR THE
PROJECT'S LIKELY DEMISE. FINANCIAL TIMES PROCLAIMED
"FRANCE PUTS JET NUCLEAR PROJECT 'ON ITS DEATHBED'" WHILE
DAILY TELEGRAPH SAID "FRANCE PUTS EEC NUCLEAR PLAN IN
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PERIL."

2. SOME ARTICLES REPORT RATHER HOPEFULLY THAT A GROUP
OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MAY WISH TO PROCEED JOINTLY WITH
JET OUTSIDE OF COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK OR THAT DOMESTIC
POLITICAL PRESSURES MAY SUBSIDE IN FRANCE AFTER THE NEW

YEAR, BUT GENERAL TENOR OF ARTICLES IS PESSIMISTIC.

3. RE PARA 6 REFTEL, IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER
BRUNNER'S PRESS CONFERENCE WILL GENERATE
MUCH PUBLIC PRESSURE IN UK.

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